

coursed down all of these hollows and canyons, emptying into Daniels Creek.

Hyrum Oaks was one of the first settlers of Provo Valley and eventually took up ground at the mouth of Daniels Canyon, from where you can look out over the valley. Tom Brown, a relative, lived down in the creek bottoms where he could raise garden crops, sweet potatoes, and peanuts. Hyrum Oakes went through the canyon into Strawberry Valley to cut wild hay for his stock. In 1879, Hyrum, with the help of William Bethers, surveyed a canal at the north end of Strawberry Valley with a spirit-level and plumb-bob to bring water over into Daniels Canyon by way of McQuire. He also operated a sawmill. Joe Jacobs lived just above the homes of Oakes, and Jim Ivie near the present site of the Strawberry headgate.

Bill —> Ben Bromley and his family lived on the flat at the mouth of Bromley Hollow in a long two-roomed dirt-roofed cabin. Eli Gordon lived farther up the creek, then came Swen Bjorkman's; above them Ab Shelton, and Bob and Liza Winterton Giles had built their homes. John Winterton lived on Indian Flat which he fenced with brush, made a road against the hill, and farmed for two years before he left the valley.

The "Wasatch Wave" of August 14, 1896 states: "The corps of the Rio Grande Western surveyors who have been running a line through Daniels Canyon for the past month, commencing at the summit this side of Strawberry Valley, are down to the mouth of the canyon and will soon have the work completed to Heber. As has been previously stated in these columns, the main line of the new railroad will run through Daniels Canyon and tap the reservation country and Colorado points, thus making Heber the central point in this valley and from where a branch line will be run over to Park City." The rail line did not materialize.

On March 24, 1899 the Wasatch Wave contained an article stating the William Bethers and others had found a good vein of elaterite just east of the old Forman sawmill site in Daniels Canyon. It is now known as the Wax Mine, although not operating.

In 1905, when the Uintah Reservation was thrown open, Theodore Freeze took up a homestead at the head of Daniels Canyon. During a quarrel Don Herbert fatally shot Theodore. Herbert died before he was brought to trial. Theodore's youngest brother, Vic, got the place but became dissatisfied and gave it up. It now belongs in the Bethers family.

The road through Daniels Canyon during the early years was a narrow, twisting trail that crossed the stream by fording shallow places or hitting many bridges at just the right angle when coming down with long loads of timber. In the spring the mud would be almost hub deep; in the summer, deep dust, and in the winter, always the danger of snow slides.

Strawberry Headgate
near Jim Tom Ivie place
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